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Iowa Milk Production

Iowa: Milk production in Iowa in March 2011 totaled 381 million pounds, up 2 percent from March 2010. The average number of milk cows at 209,000 head, was down less than 1 percent from March 2010. Production per cow averaged 1,825 pounds, up 3 percent from March 2010.

United States: Milk production in the 23 major States during March totaled 15.8 billion pounds, up 2.4 percent from March 2010. February revised production at 14.0 billion pounds, was up 2.3 percent from February 2010. The February revision represented a decrease of 14 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,872 pounds for March, 24 pounds above March 2010.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.42 million head, 93,000 head more than March 2010, and 17,000 head more than February 2011.

Milk Cows and Production: Selected States, March 2010 and 2011

State	Milk Cows ¹		Milk Per Cow ²		Milk Production ²		
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	Change from 2010
	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(Pounds)	(Pounds)	(Million Pounds)	(Million Pounds)	(Percent)
Arizona	170	187	2,180	2,155	371	403	8.6
California	1,758	1,759	1,980	2,040	3,481	3,588	3.1
Colorado	116	125	2,000	2,015	232	252	8.6
Florida	113	118	1,820	1,860	206	219	6.3
Idaho	554	575	1,880	1,880	1,042	1,081	3.7
Illinois	101	98	1,715	1,715	173	168	-2.9
Indiana	169	171	1,765	1,770	298	303	1.7
Iowa	210	209	1,775	1,825	373	381	2.1
Kansas	116	121	1,820	1,845	211	223	5.7
Michigan	357	362	1,990	1,975	710	715	0.7
Minnesota	470	471	1,675	1,645	787	775	-1.5
Missouri	101	94	1,295	1,340	131	126	-3.8
New Mexico	321	325	2,105	2,150	676	699	3.4
New York	610	610	1,755	1,810	1,071	1,104	3.1
Ohio	272	271	1,690	1,680	460	455	-1.1
Oregon	115	119	1,760	1,760	202	209	3.5
Pennsylvania	541	543	1,730	1,710	936	929	-0.7
Texas	410	426	1,890	1,945	775	829	7.0
Utah	85	87	1,810	1,770	154	154	
Vermont	136	135	1,595	1,635	217	221	1.8
Virginia	95	96	1,570	1,615	149	155	4.0
Washington	249	254	2,025	2,025	504	514	2.0
Wisconsin	1,260	1,266	1,770	1,785	2,230	2,260	1.3
23-State Total ³	8,329	8,422	1,848	1,872	15,389	15,763	2.4

¹ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. ² Excludes milk sucked by calves. ³ As of February 2009, the 23 States are Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin.